## PSY 1890G-099: INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY-HONORS SPRING SEMESTER, 2012

CLASS TIME/LOCATION: MWF 1:00-1:50, PHYS Room 2110.

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**TEXTBOOK:** "Psychology: Themes and Variations" by Wayne Weiten (7E).

**GRADING:** Course grades are determined as follows:

**Unit Exams (45%)**. There is one exam for each of the 3 units in the course, and **each exam is worth 15% of your course grade**. The exams are comprised of a combination of objective questions (e.g., multiple choice, true/false, matching) and essay questions. Makeup exams are comprised of all essay questions, and must be taken within one week of the original exam date.

Comprehensive Final Exam (15%). The final exam is designed to assess your knowledge of material covered previously. It is comprised entirely of questions taken from the 3 unit exams.

**In-Class Assignments (20%).** There will be 15 brief, unannounced, in-class writing assignments that are designed to encourage you to: 1) attend class, and 2) think about some of the concepts discussed in class. These assignments can be made up only if you can provide documentation of illness, participation in a university-sponsored event, etc. on the day of the assignment; and they must be made up within one week of the original assignment. If you complete all 15 assignments, you will receive a grade of 100% for this part of the course. Completion of 14 of the assignments will give you a grade of 87% (13/15), and so on.

**Presentation Outline (5%)**. This assignment is designed to 1) ensure that you are on schedule in planning your presentation, and 2) provide me with information about your presentation so that I can give you constructive feedback. Your outline should be about 1 page long.

Class Presentation (15%). Your presentation can be on any topic included in one of the 7 chapters not covered in the syllabus (chapters 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15). It should be 8-10 minutes long, with PowerPoint slides.

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** I will be happy to make accommodations for students who provide official notification from the EIU Office of Disability Services.

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** Because cell phone use (talking or texting) during class can be distracting to me and other students, all phones should be turned off or set on "vibrate."

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Consistent with EIU policy, I assume that all students will honor the tradition of academic honesty. However, if I observe what I consider to be classroom cheating or plagiarism, I will notify the student and deduct 10% (one letter grade) from the grade on the relevant assignment, exam, etc. For a second offense by the same student, a grade of 0 will be recorded and I will report the occurrence to the EIU Office of Student Standards.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

Week	Topic(s)	Reading
Jan 9	Introduction; History of psychology	Chapter 1
Jan 16	Martin Luther King's Birthday (1/16) History of psychology (continued)	
Jan 23	Research in psychology	Chapter 2
Jan 30	Biology of behavior	Chapter 3
Feb 6	Biology of behavior (continued) EXAM #1 (2/10)	
Feb 13	Learning Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (2/17)	Chapter 6
Feb 20	Learning (continued) Human memory	Chapter 7
Feb 27	Memory (continued) Human development	Chapter 11
Mar 5	Human development (continued) <b>EXAM #2 (3/9)</b>	
Mar 12	SPRING BREAK!	
Mar 19	Theories of personality	Chapter 12
Mar 26	Theories of personality (continued) Psychological disorders	Chapter 14
Apr 2	Psychological disorders (continued)  Presentation outline due (4/6)	
Apr 9	Social behavior	Chapter 16
Apr 16	Social behavior (continued) EXAM #3 (4/20)	
Apr 23	Class presentations	

The Final Exam is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 12:30-2:30.